Grant of leave to Mr. M. O. Oommen, Divisional Forest Officer, Quilon.

178. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the statement made in the Legislative Council in the last Budget session on behalf of the Government, that Mr. M. O. Oommen, Divisional Forest Officer, Quilon, would be asked to take leave, will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Oommen has taken leave; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why he has not taken leave?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Mr. Oommen did not take leave as he was subject to asthma only during the dewy season and not during the rainy season. It is further reported that he had a complete course of injection for asthma at Madras during the last Christmas holidays and that he is quite free from the disease now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): In the answer it is stated that Mr. Oommen had a complete course of injection for asthma, at Madras, during the last Christmas holidays, that he is quite free from the disease now and that he is subject to asthma only during the dewy season and not during the rainy season. The Conservator has told us in the last Budget session that he had asked Mr. Oommen to take leave from the commencement of this year. Now, the answer is that he is subject to the disease only during the dewy season and not in the rainy season. Can the present statement be reconciled with the statement made by Conservator of Forests in Adi last?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government will ask the Conservator about that again.

Leave to Mr. M. O. Oommen, Divisional Forest Officer, Quilon.

179. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. M. O. Oommen still (16-4-1107) continues to be the Divisional Forest Officer, Quilon; and

(*b*) whether the Conservator of Forests required him to go on leave?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Conservator advised Mr. Oommen to go on leave for some time to recoup his health.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether, *asking* the Divisional Forest Officer to take leave is the same, according to Government, as *advising* him to take leave?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Conservator of Forests advised Mr. Oommen to take leave, personally as well as in writing.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly